Computerisation of post offices in the villages

3509. SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any plan to provide modern computers to the post offices located in the villages;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) Yes, Sir. In the Tenth Plan period the Government is providing computers to 7700 large post offices across the country located either in urban or rural areas.

(b) Computers have been supplied to 1714 large post offices located in rural areas in the country upto 31.03.2006.

(c) Does not arise in view of (b) above.

Unsolicited calls

†3510 SHRI UDAY PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are taking any measures to impose the ban on unsolicited calls being made on mobile and landline phones by some commercial companies in order to boost their business; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action being taken against those who are responsible for ensuring access to the subscribers telephone numbers by the companies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) and (b) In regard to unsolicited calls by telemarketing companies and banks claiming offer of loans and sundry facilities, Hon'ble Minister of Communications and Information Technology

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